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SUBJ: EC PROPOSALS ON COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH
OIL PRODUCERS

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1. EMBASSY INFORMED BOTH ECONOMIC (RIBERHOLDT)
AND POLITICAL (THORNING-PETERSEN) SIDES OF MFA
ON US VIEWS REGARDING COMPREHENSIVE ARRANGEMENTS
WITH OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES (PARA 2 REF A).

RIBERHOLDT SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AND

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SYMPATHIZED WITH US CONCERNS BUT THOUGHT THERE

WOULD BE NO PRACTICAL POSSIBILITY OF COMMUNITY TAKING COLLECTIVE ACTION VIS-A-VIS OIL PRODUCERS PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 11. HIS UNDERSTANDING OF TWO PROPOSALS UNDER DISCUSSION IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. EC COMMISSION PAPER (EC BRUSSELS 520)

MAY BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL AT FEBRAURY 14 MEETING, CERTAINLY NOT BEFORE. ACTION ON THE PAPER IS EVEN FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD.

B. POLITICAL D*SCUSSIONS ON RELATIONS BETWEEN (EUROPE" AND ARAB LEAGUE COUNTRIES WERE STARTED AT INITIATIVE OF FENCH. PROPOSAL WAS RATHER VAGUE BUT, TO EXTENT IT TOUCHED ON TRADE RELATIONS, DANES FELT SUCH DISCUSSION WOULD BE MORE PROPER IN EC ROME TREATY FORUM. MAJORITY DISAGREED AND DANES WENT ALONG ON NON-COMITTAL BASIS. RIBERHOLDT THOUGHT THAT DISCUSSIONS WERE SO FUZZY AT THIS POINT THAT NO RPT NO PROPOSALS FOR ACTION (MUCH LESS ACTION ITSELF) ARE LIKELY BEFORE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE. (THORNING-PETERSEN, WITH WHOM WE TALKED JUST BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR EC MID-EAST EXPERTS FEBRUARY 1 MEETING, AVOIDED ALL COMMENT ON THIS POINT.L

2. RIBERHOLDT SAW NO DIFFICULTY AT ALL IN HAVING DENMARK SUPPORT PRINCIPLE THAT EC MEMBER STATES, EITHER COLLECTIVELY OR INDIVIDUALLY, NOT INITIATE COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH OIL PRODUCERS PRIOR TO WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. IN THIS REGARD, HE NOTED THAT FONMIN GULDBERG'S STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT JANUARY 30 ABOUT DENMARK POSSIBLY PROCEEDING WITH ITS OWN COOPERATION AGREEMENTS (REF B) SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AT FACE VALUE. IT WAS PRINCIPALLY MADE FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL EFFECT, HE INDICATED, IN ORDER TO SHOW PUBLIC THAT GOVERNMENT IS PURSUING ACTIVE ENERGY POLICY. HE CLAIMED GOVERNMENT HAS NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT DANISH ABILITY TO COMPETE WITH LARGER COUNTRIES IN DEALS WITH ARABS.

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